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1. IN SESSIONS JULY 25 AND 26 COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED ACTION
ON AGENDA ITEMS 16 (WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN),
17 (CO-ORDINATION) AND 23 (ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN SUDANESE
RETURNEES AND DPS).

2. FOLLOWING GENERAL DEBATE ON BUDGET ITEM DURING WHICH
ALL DELEGATIONS MADE AT LEAST ONE INTERVENTION AND WHICH WAS
CONCERNED MORE WITH PROGRAM BUDGETING PHILOSOPHY AND PROCEDURES
AND ON ROLE OF ECOSOC/CPC AND THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS
THAN WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM
PLAN, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS A RESOLUTION TO
FORWARD TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
14TH SESSION OF CPC. DEBATE ON THIS ITEM, DESCRIBED BY MANY
AS MORE SEARCHING AND USEFUL THAN SIMILAR DEBATES IN PREVIOUS
YEARS, DID INCLUDE LIMITED DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE BY
A FEW MEMBERS AND A FAIRLY THOROUGH REVIEW AND COMMENT
BY ONE. KENYA REP WENT THROUGH THE WORK PROGRAM BUDGET AND
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MEDIUM-TERM PLAN IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AND GAVE HIS OPINION

OF WHICH PROGRAMS WERE GOOD, WHICH WERE DOUBTFUL AND, IN EFFECT, ASSIGNED PRIORITIES TO MANY OF THE UN ACTIVITIES. THE DETAILED NATURE OF THIS INTERVENTION BY KENYA WAS CRITICIZED BY SOME DELEGATIONS BUT HAS GIVEN FOOD FOR THOUGHT TO SECTARIAT. KENYA DEL, FOR INSTANCE, WAS NOT SURE OF USEFULNESS OF MANY PROGRAMS IN FIELD OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, EXPRESSED DOUBT OF NEED FOR SO MANY SURVEYS AND STUDIES AND QUESTIONED THE RATE AT WHICH NATIONAL REVIEWS (20 PER YEAR) WERE TO BE UNDERTAKEN. RESPONDING TO KENYA'S STATEMENT U/SYG DE SEYNES NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE KIND OF GUIDANCE THAT SECRETRIAT NEEDED FROM A GREAT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IF IT WAS TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF PROGRAM MIX MOST USEFUL TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. ITEM 17 CONCLUDED AFTER A SERIES OF UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED DECISIONS: (A) CALLING FOR IOB STUDY IN DEPTH (REFTEL; (B) NOTING ACC REPORT (E/5289 PART I); (C) RECOMMENDING GA DISCONTINUE SEPARATE REPORT ON PROTEIN IN VIEW OF TRIENNIAL REPORTS OF PROTEIN ADVISORY GROUP; (D) IN VIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON NATIONAL RESOURCES, DISCONTINUING TRIENNIAL REPORT ON WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; (E) REQUESTING SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF ECOSOC TO RECOMMEND AGAINST FURTHER ACTION ON IN-DEPTH REVIEWS WHEN APPROPRIATE; (F) STATING THAT UNDP SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN ACC INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE; (G) CALLING FOR SEQUENTIAL SERIES OF SHORT TERM MEASURES TO MOVE TOWARD OBJECTIVES OF UNIFORMITY AND SYNCHRONIZATION TO BE DEVISED BY ACC; (H) WELCOMING ACC SPONSORED MEETINGS OF PROGRAM OFFICERS; (I) INDICATING THAT SUCH PLANNING OFFICERS COULD USEFULLY MEET WITH CPC TOWARD PROMOTING SYSTEM WIDE COMPATIBILITY; (J) CALLING FOR RESTRAINT IN DESIGNATING OF SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE "YEARS". COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO DGS OF IMCO, UNESCO AND ILO FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN IN-DEPTH REVIEWS BUT CANCELLED RESOLUTION WHEN UNABLE AGREE WHETHER APPRECIATION SHOULD BE EXPRESSED TO DG OF ILO. RES WAS WITHDRAWN AFTER SEVERAL DELS INCLUDING ALGERIA, USSR, ARGENTINA AND POLAND SUPPORTED PROPOSAL BY CHILE THAT MR. JENKS PARTICIPATION BE MERELY NOTED IN CONTRAST TO EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO DGS OF OTHER TWO AGENCIES.

4. IN AFTERNOON SESSION JULY 26 COMMITTEE HEARD REPORT BY UNCLASSIFIED

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UNHCR ON PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN SOUTH SUDAN. AFTER CONGRATULATORY STATEMENTS BY SEVERAL DELS INCLUDING THE US, COMMITTEE ADOPTED RES EXPRESSING ITS SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRAM AND THE ROLE OF THE UNHCR AND ITS APPRECIATION TO GOV, UN ORGNS AND NGOS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROGRAM. RES CALLS FOR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN AND REQUESTS THE UNHCR REPORT TO 56TH ECOSOC.

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